THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Battalions for operations against Naxalites

2982. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. N. JANARDHANA REDDY:
DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has asked DGS of CRPF, BSF and ITBP to spare battalions to launch large scale operations against Naxalites;

(b) if so, the details of locations where such battalions would be stationed;

(c) whether the withdrawal of forces from CRPF, BSF and ITBP would have any affect on the present security positions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) State Governments deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government supplements their efforts in several ways on security and development fronts. On the security side 58 battalions of Central Para Military Forces have been deployed on anti-naxalite duties in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. There is no adverse effect on the situation as deployment is a dynamic process based on changing requirements of States and availability of forces.

Modernisation of fire and emergency services

2983. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the latest status of the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for allocation of funds of Rs. 66.84 crores being Central share under the scheme of strengthening/ modernization of fire and emergency services for the years 2008-09 to 2010-13;

(b) the reasons for delay in releasing the demanded funds; and

(c) by when this fund is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Government has recently approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme at a cost of Rs. 200 crores for 'Strengthening of Fire and Emergency Services in the

Country'. The Scheme is to be implemented in the remaining years of the Eleventh Five Year Plan. The Central share for implementing this scheme in Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 8.37 crores and the State Government is expected to contribute Rs. 2.09 crores. As the scheme has been sanctioned recently funds to the State could not be released earlier. The funds to the State will be released in phases depending upon the progress of the scheme.

Terrorist bases in the country

†2984. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various terrorist organizations *viz.*, Lashkar-e-Taiba, SIMI, Hijbul-Muzahiddin etc. have set up dens all over the country and are being harboured by anti-national elements;

(b) whether they have also been found to be involved unsetting economy by smuggling and circulating counterfeit notes besides being involved in blasts and riots;

(c) whether Government is aware of their nexus with Maoists, ULFA and the disturbing elements of the country; and

(d) if so, the actions being taken to trace and eliminate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) As per available information, there are no specific inputs to suggest that terrorist organizations such as Lashkar-e-Taiba, SIMI, Hijbul-Muzahiddin etc. have set up dens all over the country. However, the terrorist organizations such as Lashkar-e-Taiba, SIMI, Hijbul-Muzahiddin etc. are known to sometimes operate through sleeper cells.

(b) Available inputs indicate the involvement of Pakistan based terrorist outfits in circulation of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs). The underworld/organized crime elements are also involved in smuggling and circulation of FICNs.

(c) Available inputs do not indicate any such nexus.

(d) Apart from a number of measures taken by the Government, there exists well established mechanism for exchange of intelligence between the Central and State law enforcement and intelligence agencies which has resulted in the neutralization of a number of terrorist modules and averting many terrorist incidents.

Checking insurgency in the NE

2985. SHRI N.K. SINGH:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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